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USDA REPORTS COMMODITY LOAN ACTIVITY AS OF JULY 14, 1998

WASHINGTON, July 21, 1998 -- A report of commodity loan activity for grains, cotton, oilseeds, honey and sugar as of July 14, 1998, was issued today by the U.S. Department of Agriculture, Farm Service Agency (FSA).

Detailed information showing a breakdown of each commodity by state and by farm and warehouse storage is available on the second floor, Main Lobby, of USDA's Kansas City Commodity Office, 9200 Ward Parkway, Kansas City, MO and from the Economic Policy Analysis Staff of USDA's Farm Service Agency in Room 3740-S, South Building, here.

The data in this weekly report are preliminary and subject to adjustment and verification. Any needed adjustment will be made in the monthly reports of loan activity which USDA issues on or about the 10th working day of the month, depending upon availability of data.

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Price Support Loan Activity Reported as of July 14, 1998

Item	Wheat	Corn	Grain So	orghum	Barley	Oats
	Million Bushels		Mil. Bu.	Mil. Cwt.	Milli	on Bushels
1997 Crop						
Put Under Loan	262.7	1,126.9	17.5	9.8	32.8	2.4
Redeemed	166.8	536.9	10.7	6.0	20.4	1.7
Acquired by CCC	3.9	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.1	0.0
9-Mo Outstanding	92.0	590.0	6.8	3.8	12.3	0.7
1998 Crop						
Put Under Loan	73.8				0.5	0.1
Redeemed	0.2				0.0	0.0
Acquired by CCC	0.0			_	0.0	0.0
9-Mo Outstanding	73.6				0.5	0.1
Tot 9-Mo Outstand	165.6	590.0	6.8	3.8	12.8	0.8

		Cotton			Sugar		
Item	Soybeans	Upland 1/	ELS	Rice	Beet	Cane	
	Mil. Bu.	1,000 Runn	ing Bales	Mil. Cwt.	Mill	ion Pounds	
1997 Crop							
Put Under Loan	264.9	4,281.0	33.4	67.6	1,155.9	400.2	
Redeemed	154.3	4,215.7	30.4	58.1	843.8	284.0	
Acquired by CCC	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	
9-Mo Outstanding	110.6	65.3	3.0	9.5	312.1	116.2	
1998 Crop							
Put Under Loan							
Redeemed							
Acquired by CCC							
9-Mo Outstanding							
Tot 9-Mo Outstand	110.6	65.3	3.0	9.5	312.1	116.2	

	Sunflower Seed			Canola	Safflower	Mustard
Item	Oil	Other	Flaxseed	Seed	Seed	Seed
	1,000 Cwt.					
1997 Crop						
Put Under Loan	2,803	232	58	334	12	20
Redeemed	2,645	195	35	300	3	18
Acquired by CCC	0	0	0	0	0	0
9-Mo Outstanding	158	37	23	34	9	2
1998 Crop						
Put Under Loan						
Redeemed						
Acquired by CCC						
9-Mo Outstanding						
Tot 9-Mo Outstand	158	37	23	34	9	2

^{1/}Cotton loans are for 10 months rather than 9 months.